-- In a preferred embodiment, the abstract engine 140 does not simply prepare "static" abstracts, but rather "quality" abstracts. As used herein, "static" abstracts are abstracts that include information gathered from candidate web pages (i.e., web pages related to the abstracts), without consideration to information about the candidate web sites gathered from other sources. These "static" abstracts would have been presented to the user using traditional search methods prior to the advent of the abstract update system 10. The "static" abstracts can be stored in the indexed data repository 175 or in any other suitable data store for later use by the search engine 17. "Quality" abstracts refer to abstracts that supplement the "static" abstracts, and that account for information gathered from sources other than the candidate web sites, as explained more fully in patent application [Serial No. _____,] Serial No. 09/500,633, titled "Using Annotative Link Information to Produce Quality Abstracts in Search Engines".--

IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicant submits FIG. 2 with a redlined proposed correction.

IN THE CLAIMS

All the claims on file are reproduced below and indicated to be either unchanged, amended, or new:

1. (Unchanged) A system for automatically generating dynamic search abstracts, comprising:

a crawler for crawling documents and acquiring metadata and link information from the documents;

a metadata repository for storing the metadata acquired by the crawler;

a link repository for storing link information acquired by the crawler;

an abstract engine for generating abstracts of the documents from the metadata;